

8 October 1958

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Resume of OCB Luncheon Meeting, 8 October 1958

PRESENT: Mr. Dulles, Mr. Gray, Mr. Harr, Mr. Herter,
Mr. Irwin, Mr. McCone, Mr. Scribner, Mr. Smith,
Mr. Washburn, Mr. Melbourne

1. Public Statement by Columbia Broadcasting System

Mr. Dulles said that Mr. Earl Newsome, Public Relations Advisor for the Columbia Broadcasting System, had telephoned him to ask whether he or other elements of the Government would have anything to suggest with regard to the statement to be issued by CBS on expulsion of their correspondent from the USSR. Mr. Dulles said that he had told Mr. Newsome he thought it might be worthwhile for the statement to include a comment to the effect that the U.S. had hoped to achieve freer exchange in the information field with the Soviets, and that any event of this kind could only be viewed as a retrogression.

Mr. Board agreed that this general guidance to Mr. Newsome was useful, and they had nothing particularly to add to it.

2. Announcement on PLOWSHARE

Mr. McCone presented a draft of a proposed announcement concerning projected tests under operation PLOWSHARE scheduled for the summer of 1959. The Board felt that the matter of peaceful uses of nuclear energy, and the tests required to enhance our capability in this field, necessarily involved a Presidential decision and thus the announcement should not be made at this time. It was generally agreed that testing in connection with peaceful uses would have to be considered at an early stage of the impending Geneva negotiations if we are to avoid having them ruled out all together.

NSC review(s) completed.

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3. Proposed Postage Stamp to Commemorate Explorer

A suggestion by the Army was then brought up having to do with the possibility of a commemorative postage stamp in honor of the launching of Explorer I. The majority of the Board felt that it might be unwise to issue such a stamp in view of the obvious disparity which now exists between our accomplishments in the satellite field and those of the USSR.

4. Representation by the Joint Chiefs of Staff

The Board then turned its attention to a discussion of whether or not the JCS should be represented at OCB meetings. The consensus was that if a matter of direct interest to the JCS were scheduled, the Chairman of the JCS or another one of the Chiefs would be welcome at either the lunch or the open meeting.

5. Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East Symposium on Petroleum Resources

Mr. Smith said that the Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East has scheduled a symposium on petroleum resources, in New Delhi from December 3-16, 1958. He said that it is expected that the USSR will present an elaborate exhibit to attempt to illustrate the benefits of nationalized oil as contrasted to privately developed oil. The group recognized that counteraction was called for in this case and that there were a number of things that could be done to rebut these expected Soviet arguments. Mr. Herter said that Mr. Winthrop Brown had been assigned to coordinate activities in this regard.

6. Chairmanship of Outer Space Working Group

The next subject raised was the question of which agency should chair the OCB Working Group on Outer Space, which has been

established in response to NSC 5814/1. After some discussion it was agreed that State would provide a chairman for the group, at least until such time as NASA is in a position to provide the leadership.



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